# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:176
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2000
HINDUSTAN FERTILIZER CORPORATION LIMITED .
BASUDEB ACHARIA

**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

(a) the total expenditure including the cost of preservation so far incurred on the Durgapur Unit of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited after dis-continuance of production;

(b) whether chemicals plants of this nature can be kept under suspended animation indefinitely till a decision on revival is taken;

(c) whether the Government propose to re-start the production in those units;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
(SHRI SURESH P. PRABHU)
(a) to (e) : Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.176 TO BE ANSWERED ON 7.3.2000 REGARDING HINDUSTAN FERTILIZER CORPORATION LIMITED

(a) : An expenditure of Rs.85.10 crores has been incurred so far as standing charges including cost of preservation (salary/wages, power & fuel, etc.) on the Durgapur plant since June,'97.
(b) to (e) : Durgapur plant has been kept under preservation as its sustained and viable operations are not feasible unless a complete revamp of the plant is undertaken which is hampered by budgetary constraints and high cost of production. Hence, it will be possible to consider the resumption of production of Durgapur unit only in terms of the decision of the Government on the revival of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. which stands referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction.
A chemical plant of this nature can be kept under preservation for reasonably long periods depending on local climatic conditions and other relevant factors provided proper procedure of preservation is adhered to and periodic inspections are carried out so as to assess the health of the plant.